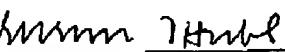


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RESPONSE

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 07/15/2005 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 3 month(s) and the appropriate fee. As 01/15/06 falls on a Sunday, and Monday, 01/16/06 is a Federal holiday, this Response is timely filed.

Please note that the Power of Attorney for this case changed on March 16, 2005. The current attorney of record is at Customer Number 00758, Fenwick & West, LLP. The correct Attorney Docket No. for this application is 23681-9978US.

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